(e)A representation has been received by Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) from Welfare Association, Sarai Basti, Old Rohtak Road, Delhi-35 against a plastic industry.

(f) The DPPC is taking necessary action against the Unit as per provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act.

Eco-Friendly Plastic Bag

2533. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any environmentally degradable (ED) plastic, which does not leave harmful toxic residue or matter, choke the drains or kill the animals, as reported in the "Hindustan Times" dated 13th June 2002;

(b) if so, by when this enviroment friendly plastic bag would be brought in the market for public use; and

(c) what would be cost-wise analysis of the conventional plastic bag and the ED plastic bag once marketed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Environmentally Degradable plastics can be decomposed to form water and carbon dioxide by the action of microorganisms commonly existing in the natural environment.

(b) and (c) As per the Ministry of Science andTechnology sponsored project report on Technology status and prospects of bio-degradable plastics in India, there are two known indigenous biodegradable plastic manufacturing units in the country.

Impact of Utkal Alumina Project on wildlife

2534. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTlA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area proposed for setting up of Utkal Alumina Project m Kasipur Block of Rajagoda District in Orissa has the wildlife of the nature of bears and other mammals;